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PITTSBURG, KANSAS, WOMAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGE

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Mavis Ann Antonitis**, 48, Pittsburg, Kansas, was sentenced on December 11, 2003, by U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten to **seventy-eight months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Antonitis entered a guilty plea on September 19, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Melgren said that Antonitis admitted at her plea that on December 31, 2001, officers with the KBI, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and the Pittsburg Police Department executed a search warrant at her residence on East 530th Street in Pittsburg, Kansas. Antonitis admitted that she drove by her residence during the search, saw that law enforcement officers were at her residence and left the scene. Antonitis was followed from her residence by two law enforcement officers who saw Antonitis throwing plastic baggies from her vehicle. Officers searched the roadway and found the plastic baggies containing approximately 52.36 grams (approximately 1.85 ounces) of methamphetamine. Antonitis further admitted that she intended to distribute the methamphetamine.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the KBI, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and Pittsburg Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.